

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FENNIMORE, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN
HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 17TH, 2020**

The Regular Council meeting of the Common Council was called to order by Mayor Boebel at 5:32 p.m.

Roll Call was taken with the following alderpersons answering present: Boebel, Adam, Flynn, Sheckler, Roth, Strack, Streif and Hagen. City Clerk Debi Heisner and DPW John Murray were also present. Ald. Day was absent

Agenda: Proof in the form of a certificate of public notice given as required by Section 19.84, Wis. Stats., as to the holding of this meeting, was presented by the Clerk Treasurer. Motion by Streif, second by Hagen to approve the proof of posting and agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

Consent Agenda:

Approval of 2020-2021 Operator License(s) applications: There was a motion by Flynn and a second by Hagen to approve the following Operators Licenses: Nathaniel Clardy, Shane Ellis, Barbie Graser, Cassandra Protchard, Shannon Nugent, Brittani Friemel, Nicole Ritcher, Cassidy Anne Reynolds, Amy Wells, Kimberly Finney. All in favor – motion carried 7-0.

Approval of 2020-2021 Liquor License Application for Casey's: The Liquor License application for Casey's was approved with a motion by Hagen and a second by Flynn. All in favor – motion carried 7-0.

Approval of Agent change for Casey's: There was a motion by Streif and a second by Strack to approve the agent change for Casey's General Store. All in favor – Motion carried 7-0.

Approval of Street Closing for Fennimore RR Museum, Sept 27th, 2020 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.: There was a motion by Streif and a second by Hagen to approve the Street Closing Request for the Fennimore RR Museum. All in favor – motion carried 7-0.

Minutes of the preceding meeting. Approval of minutes if correct, and corrections of mistakes: The minutes from the June 15th, 2020 Council meeting were approved with a motion by Adam and a second by Sheckler. Motion carried 7-0.

Comments from Pre-registered Citizens: Raymond Benoit was present to ask if the pavement and concrete on Madison Street from 2018 construction could be fixed with the next street project?

Reports of City Officers:

City Clerk, DPW, Promotions Coordinator

Presentation of accounts and other claims against the City: There was a motion by Streif and a second by Strack to approve the 8.17.20 Council claims with the breakdown of bills to their respective accounts for a total of \$289,735.23 with City bills @ \$71,178.57, Utility bills @ \$193,350.94, Sewer bills @ \$24,160.72 and CAPITAL PROJECTS - \$1,045.00. Gross Payroll amounts for 7.31.20 were \$55,923.50 with \$35317.52 for City, \$15,222.72 for Utility and \$5,383.26 for Sewer. Gross Payroll amounts for 8/14/20 were

\$58/943.95 with \$36,919.68 for City. \$16,588.40 for Utility, and \$5,439.95 for Sewer. Motion carried on a roll call vote 7-0.

Committee Reports: none

Old Business:

Margaret Sprague asked about the Tree Ordinance and Mayor Boebel said he is still working on the draft.

New Business:

Request from Mary Benoit for gymnasium use over the winter months for Pickle Ball: Mary Benoit was present to ask the council to consider letting the gymnasium be used for pickle ball. The Mayor asked that she contact us in a few weeks to see where things stand with the COVID-19 pandemic and take it a month at a time. Ald. Adam also commented that if the schools were not using their own gymnasiums, we should follow the same practice.

Update and discussion on COVID-19 pandemic and its effects: The Gymnasium in the Memorial Building is still closed to the public.

Discussion and possible action on gaining access to town property from City street: Brian Hall was present to ask the council to consider allowing him access to a vacant lot he owns that is located in the City of Fennimore off of/from 3rd Street within the City Limits. The issue with this is that the City does not own the right of way on 3rd Street. It is owned by a private individual. Another option would be to access the vacant property by extending the driveway through the town property also owned by Brian Hall. Mayor Boebel asked that he be able to consult with our City Attorney to find out what our legal options are before proceeding. Mr. Hall commented he would cut the curb and the Mayor advised him to not do that but to let him contact our Attorney first.

Discussion and possible approval of 2020-2021 Law Enforcement/Police Liaison Services with Fennimore School District: There was a motion by Adam and a second by Strack to approve the 2020-2021 Liaison Services with the Fennimore School District. All in favor – motion carried 7-0.

Discussion and possible action on G-Pro finalizing coring and finish work for 2020 street project: There was a motion by Streif and a second by Adam to allow G-Prop to do this finish up work on the 2020 Street project for \$14,073.75.

Discussion and possible action on Sewer dumping rates for Septic Haulers: There was much discussion on whether to allow septic dumping and if so what to charge. Ald. Streif stated, “we can’t be Santa Claus to everyone”. There was a motion by Adam and a second by Hagen to allow dumping at the rates of \$25/1000 gallons for holding tanks and \$50/1000 gallons for Septic waste. All were in favor - Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion and possible action on Portable Generator for upgrade with Lift Stations: After discussion, no action was taken on this agenda item.

Discussion and possible action on water/wastewater employee certification and experience pay schedules:

The Wastewater pay schedule is set but we are moving toward combining wastewater and water supervisor position. We should discuss/structure this differently to allow flexibility to be able to cover both wastewater and water in one package.

Discussion and possible action of option to purchase land

Update on interviews and negotiations for possible action on hiring of water/wastewater supervisor

Consideration of and action on adjourning to closed session as authorized by Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose stated in agenda item 12 & 13. There was a motion by Streif and a second by Hagen to go into Closed Session. Motion carried on a roll call vote 7-0.

Adjourn to closed session for the purpose stated in agenda item 12 & 13

Return to Open Session. There was a motion by Strack and a second by Roth to return to open session.

Action, if any on closed session matter. There was a motion by Roth and a second by Adam to give Latitude to the Personnel and Administration committee to offer position to potential candidate for the WWTP/H2O Department. All in favor – motion carried 7-0.

Comments and suggestions from citizens present: Margaret Sprague mentioned that there are entry forms available for the coloring contest outside the city office. 8/17/20 was declared Arbor Day in the City of Fennimore. There is also a contest for the Biggest and Tallest Tree in the City of Fennimore. Those forms are also available outside the city office.

Communications from the Mayor: none.

Schedule Committee Meetings:

Adjourn: Motion by Boebel, second by Roth to adjourn @ 6:50 p.m. Carried 7-0.

City Clerk

Mayor